

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

TAMI LEITING-HALL, individually  
and on behalf of herself and all others  
similarly situated, and ASHLEY  
DANKLEFF,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

KERRY WINTERER, as Chief  
Executive Officer of the Nebraska  
Department of Health and Human  
Services, and THOMAS PRISTOW,  
as Director of the Division of Children  
and Family Services, Nebraska  
Department of Health and Human  
Services,

Defendants.

4:14-CV-3155

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendation (filing [47](#)) recommending that the Court grant the plaintiffs' Amended Motion for Class Certification (filing [20](#)). The Court has conducted a de novo review of the Magistrate Judge's proposed findings and recommendations, *see* [28 U.S.C. § 636\(b\)\(1\)](#), and will adopt them.

Specifically, I have reviewed the Magistrate Judge's thorough and well-reasoned opinion, as well as the parties' submissions to the Magistrate Judge and briefing on the defendants' objection (filing [53](#)) to the findings and recommendation. The defendants did not, in objecting, raise new arguments requiring any separate analysis, and the Court finds the defendants' arguments to be without merit for the reasons explained by the Magistrate Judge. The Court will, therefore, grant the plaintiffs' motion for class certification for the reasons recommended by the Magistrate Judge.

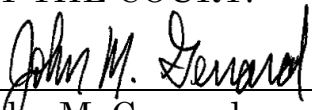
This case should proceed as promptly as possible. The plaintiffs have made serious allegations affecting potentially thousands of SNAP-eligible individuals. This case should be monitored, briefed, and decided with appropriate speed.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendation (filing 47) are adopted.
2. The defendants' objection (filing 53) to the findings and recommendation is overruled.
3. The plaintiffs' Amended Motion for Class Certification (filing 20) is granted.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

  
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John M. Gerrard  
United States District Judge